

# Voluntary Cleanup Program

Washington State Department of Ecology – Toxics Cleanup Program



## TERRESTRIAL ECOLOGICAL EVALUATION EXCLUSION

Some contaminated sites are excluded from conducting a Terrestrial Ecological Evaluation (TEE). If your site meets the criteria for exclusion as described in WAC 173-340-7491, please complete this form.

Please note that exclusion from the TEE does not exclude the site for consideration of effects on aquatic or sediment ecological receptors.

**SITE NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**SITE ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**EVALUATOR'S NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

### REASONS FOR EXCLUSION:

A site is eligible for exclusion if it meets any of the following criteria:

#### 1. POINT OF COMPLIANCE **WAC 173-340-7491(1)(A)**

- No contamination present at site. 1- ☐
- All contamination is below 15 feet prior to remedial activities. 2- ☐
- All contamination is below six feet and an institutional control has been implemented, as required by WAC 173-340-440. 3- ☐
- All contamination is below a site-specific point of compliance established in compliance with WAC 173-340-7490(4)(b) with an institutional control implemented as required by WAC 173-340-440. 4- ☐

*Please provide documentation that describes the rational for setting a site-specific point of compliance.*

#### 2. BARRIERS TO EXPOSURE **WAC 173-340-7491(1)(B)**

- All contaminated soil is or will be covered by physical barriers that prevent exposure to plants and wildlife and an institutional control has been implemented, as required by WAC 173-340-440. 5- ☐

*An exclusion based on future land use must have a completion date for future development that is acceptable to Ecology.*

### 3. UNDEVELOPED LAND **WAC 173-340-7491 (1)(c)**

- There is less than one-quarter acre of contiguous undeveloped land on or within 500 feet of any area of the site and any of the following chemicals is present: chlorinated dioxins or furans, PCB mixtures, DDT, DDE, DDD, aldrin, chlordane, dieldrin, endosulfan, endrin, heptachlor, heptachlor epoxide, benzene hexachloride, toxaphene, hexachlorobenzene, pentachlorophenol, or pentachlorobenzene.
- For sites not containing any of the chemicals mentioned above, there is less than one-and-a-half acres of contiguous undeveloped land on or within 500 feet of any area of the site.

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“Undeveloped land” is land that is not covered by building, roads, paved areas, or other barriers that would prevent wildlife from feeding on plants, earthworms, insects, or other food in or on the soil.

“Contiguous” undeveloped land is an area of undeveloped land that is not divided into smaller areas of highways, extensive paving, or similar structures that are likely to reduce the potential use of the overall area by wildlife.

#### 4. BACKGROUND CONCENTRATIONS **WAC 173-340-7491 (1) (D)**

- Concentrations of hazardous substances in soil do not exceed background levels as described in WAC 173-340-709.

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**EXPLANATION OF EXCLUSION (IF REQUIRED):**

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If your site does not meet the TEE exclusions, you may have to conduct a simplified TEE in accordance with WAC 173-340-7492 or a site-specific TEE in accordance with WAC 173-340-7493. Please contact regional VCP staff with questions about conducting a simplified or site-specific TEE.